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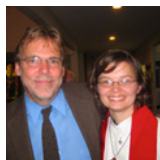
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Celebrate!



A service of ordination for **Rachel Small**, in care of the Georgia-South Carolina Association was held November 8th at **Pilgrimage UCC, Marietta**. She is a member of Pilgrimage UCC, and has been called to be Minister for Youth and Christian Education at Scarsdale Congregational UCC, NY.



Chrissy Cataldo, in care of the Alabama-Tennessee Association, and member of **Church of the Savior UCC, Knoxville, TN** was ordained in a service held there October 4th. Chrissy has been called to a ministry with hospice in Bloomington, IN.



Andy Sidden and Candace Chellew, pastor and associate pastor of Garden of Grace UCC, Columbia, SC, are pioneers in a new path of discernment leading to ordained ministry in the United Church of Christ, without having to complete an M.Div. degree. For the last three years they have worked on developing a portfolio organized around the four marks of effective and

faithful ministry; Spiritual Formation, UCC Identity, Personal and Professional Formation, and Knowledge and Skills. They have submitted those portfolios to the Church and Ministry Committee of the Georgia South Carolina Association. Both Andy and Candace worked closely with Conference staff, Kathy Clark and Tim Downs. Conference Minister Tim Downs noted upon reviewing their respective portfolios "both Andy and Candace as candidates for ordained has demonstrated a high level of giftedness for ministry that is evidenced in their experience as well as education, and I have every confidence that this is just the first step of training and credentialing ministers who will serve the needs of our congregations faithfully and well".

Michael Pater was installed as the 22nd minister of **Central Congregational UCC**, October 11th. Preaching for the occasion was **Steve Sterner**, Executive Minister of Local Church Ministries of the UCC.

Paige Pearson, pastor of **United Church UCC of Cookeville, TN** and her husband Knox, are the proud parents of Gracianna Marie Wimberly, born October 13th, weighing 8 lbs. 7 ozs. **Helen Pearson Smith**, retired UCC minister and dean of Candler School of Theology is the proud grandmother.

Becky Nelson, a member of **Pilgrimage UCC, Marietta**, and in her first year at Candler School of Theology has been received as a student in care of the Georgia-South Carolina Association.

Alan Roof, chaplain at Shepherd Center, Atlanta, and member of **Central Congregational UCC**, Atlanta, attended his first meeting of the new board of the United Church Disabilities Ministry in Cleveland. He has been elected to a six year term on the board. Alan is also one of the UCC's representatives at Pathways to Progress, a conference about congregations and those that struggle with mental illness. During that meeting a new steering committee was formed to re-energize the UCC Mental Illness Network. Alan is willing to visit any church in the



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Conference that wants to have discussions about A2A, disabilities, participation in the Mental Illness Network or issues related to service members returning from Iraq or Afghanistan. Contact him at aroof@secucc.org.

If there is news that you wish to have shared with others in the Southeast Conference family, please contact Tim at tdownloads@secucc.org.

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